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REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: THEME

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22. National Forest. At the Ranger Station we find Ranger Jim Robbins and

23. his assistant, Jerry Quick, busy at their usual around-the-first-of-the-

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MUSIC:

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 6. for some jacking up.
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 10. one of the best superintendents but, as far as I'm concerned,
 11. he isn't rating so hot right now. Just take a look at
 12. these CCC progress reports from his camp for the past three
 13. months.
 14. JIM: I've seen 'em. What about 'em?
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 16. month since the first of the year. Not much of a
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2. quarrel with Dave Parsons. He's a fine fellow and we get
3. along swell. but that hasn't anything to do with the job.
4. The record shows that the camp's not accomplishing as much
5. as it should. Even allowing for the weather this winter,
6. Dave's boys haven't turned out the work they did during
7. the same period a year ago.

8. JIM: And you feel that the report ought to show a steady
9. increase in production, huh, Jerry?

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11. handling the tools and machinery and doing their job that's
12. not unreasonable, is it?

13. JIM: Yeah, but how do accidents and sickness figure in your
14. calculations, Jerry?

15. JERRY: I've checked the accident report forms and sickness lists
16. too. There've been mighty few lost-time accidents and very
17. little sickness at the camp this year. So you can count
18. those out.

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20. record anyway, Jerry. It's a feather in his cap, I'd say,
21. to have so few accidents and the like.

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1 JIM: And you think I ought to jack Dave Parsons up, huh? Give
 2 him a good talking to or something.

3 JERRY: I certainly do, Jim. Dave's the superintendent up there
 4 at the camp. He knows almost better than we do what these
 5 reports show. He ought to, cause he wrote them. But
 6 apparently he hasn't done much about stepping up the work
 7 himself so doesn't that put it up to you as the Ranger in
 8 charge?

9 JIM: Suppose we go up to camp this afternoon and see Dave, and
 10 look over some of the projects, Jerry. I don't believe
 11 those reports show the whole story.

12 JERRY: What about that letter that came in the mail from the
 13 Supervisor this morning? It's for Parsons, isn't it?

14 JIM: Yeah, and marked "confidential." I thought I'd take it
 15 along with me and deliver it personally.

16 JERRY: Well, I bet the Supervisor's been studying these reports
 17 too and he's probably hearing down on Dave himself. Over
 18 your head.

19 JIM: I don't think Bert Ellsworth would do that, Jerry.
 20 Besides Dave Parsons.....

21 PHONE RINGS
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JIM: There's the telephone. I'll get it right here, Jerry.
 (RECEIVER OFF)Hello, Jim Robbins talking....Yeah,
 hello Dave.....Yeah, Jerry and I were just talking about
 Huh?.....Well, I guess that's about all you can do, Dave....
 Yeah, I know. Well, Jerry and I are coming up your way
 this afternoon. We'll talk about the new developments
 then....Yeah, goodbye.

RECEIVER ON HOOK

JERRY: Now what, Jim?

JIM: Dave's got to shut down a while on the gravelling job at
 the upper end of North Fork Road.

JERRY: Well, that's the last straw. And you took it so doggoned
 mild. By George, if I were you Jim I'd.....

JIM: Judge not that ye be not judged.....

JERRY: Huh?

JIM:for with what judgment ye judge ye will be judged
 and with what measure ye mete will be meted out to you....

JERRY: Yeah, but what's that got to do with what we've been
 talking about?

JIM: Suppose we just wait 'til we get to camp, Jerry, and get
 Dave Parsons side of the story before we crack down too
 hard (FADE) on him.

PAUSE:

1. JERRY: I can't understand it, Jim. Something's the matter with
2. Parsons sure. Did you notice how many CCC boys there were
3. back there on the South Fork maintenance project?
4. JIM: Yeah, about twelve I'd say.
5. JERRY: Right. And I figure there ought to be at least twenty to
6. do that job. They'll never finish the project at the
7. rate they're going.
8. JIM: Dave Parsons' been camp superintendent here on the Pine
9. Cone since we got our first CCC camp in 1933, Jerry. I've
10. never had any quarrel with the way he's distributed his
11. crews on the job.
12. JERRY: That may be, Jim, but it seems to me something's happened
13. to his judgment. Maybe he's getting stale on the job or
14. something like that.
15. JIM: Well, here's the camp. Drive right over there to the
16. office, Jerry. I expect we'll find Dave at work there.
17. JERRY: Yeah, when he ought to be out in the field....
18. SOUND OF CAR PULLING TO STOP....DOOR OPENS AND CLOSSES
19. JERRY: Jim, look over there near the blacksmith's shop. What
20. are all those trucks doing in here at this hour? And all
21. those CCC boys and the foremen? No wonder Parsons
22. shutting down on the gravel job.
23. JIM: I guess Dave'll tell us. Let's go on in the office.
24. DOOR OPENS: SOUND OF TYPEWRITER, MAINTAIN OFF AND ON IN BACKGROUND
25. DAVE: Hello, Jim. How are you, Jerry? I'm sure glad to see
both of you.

JIM: Hello, Dave.

JERRY: Hello.

DOOR CLOSES:

DAVE: Jim, I guess you've been doing some wondering about why I had to cut down on that gravelling job.

JIM: Jerry here, he's done most of the wondering...and worryin' I'd say.

DAVE: I couldn't help it, Jim. The National defense program's sure cutting in on our schedule.

JIM: And that's as it should be, I think, Dave. We're as much a part of the program as any other outfit; maybe more so, in some ways.

JERRY: I don't follow you, Dave. The draft age is 21 and I understand that about 85 percent of our CCC enrollees are under 21.

DAVE: I've only had two boys taken by the draft, Jerry. It isn't that.

JERRY: I don't see then how National Defense has had any effect on your.....

DAVE: You noticed all those trucks out there and the CCC boys and the foreman?

JERRY: Yeah, that was something else we wanted to talk about. How come all those trucks are laid up?

DAVE: Nothing the matter with those trucks, Jerry. That's my new truck driving class out there.

1. JERRY: (HEATEDLY) New truck driving class? But why? You're
2. supposed to keep training the boys all along without
3. disrupting the work program.....

4. JIM: Jerry, suppose we just let Dave explain about it.

5. DAVE: Thanks, Jim. Looks like Jerry here's about to get me
6. all wrong. You see, Jerry, about ten of my regular
7. truck drivers have enlisted in the Army. They were all
8. well-trained and had the chance to join up as special
9. truck drivers. It was a break for them and, I think, a
10. pretty fine compliment to the training they got right
11. here in this CCC camp.

12. JERRY: Oh.....

13. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Daylight dawns, huh, Jerry?....Go on, Dave.

14. DAVE: Well, that's about all there is to it. Since the first
15. of the year we've had other boys leave, too, for active
16. army work, or jobs in defense industries. Some of them
17. were mechanics, some tractor operators, some dynamite
18. men, a couple of them good office clerks, and two of
19. them Jim-dandy cooks who'd never even boiled an egg
20. before they came to this camp.

21. JERRY: Then you've had some replacements, huh, Dave?

22. DAVE: Yes, Jerry. That's right. We've had a pretty good flow
23. of well-trained men out of camp and a flow of green
24. men into camp to take the place of those who left.

25. JIM: Well, goosh, Dave, then you've been having a whopper of
a training job all along.

1. DAVE: Yes, it has been a little tougher in that respect.
2. But we've talked a lot about it, the foremen and I, and
3. we're all generally agreed that training's a mighty
4. important phase of this CCC business and that some of
5. us older bucks can do our best job for defense in
6. training the youngsters how to handle themselves and how
7. to handle all kinds of tools and machinery.

8. JIM: You've got something there, Dave, but I was thinking about
9. something else too while you were talking....This CCC
10. organization started out eight years ago to do a peacetime
11. job - to help conserve soil, timber, water, and all other
12. other natural resources....

13. JERRY: I know what you mean, Jim. Now we can see clear enough
14. that all the work we've done these past eight years...
15. improving timber stands, building roads, fighting
16. forest fires, putting up towers and communication lines...
17. all that work has had to do with conservation of
18. resources that are also vital to our Nation's defense.

19. JIM: That's it, Jerry....Now let's see. You sure you got
20. all this business straightened out in your mind, Jerry?
21. I thought there was something about a slight decrease in
22. camp production the past couple months that bothered you?

23. JERRY: Never mind, Jim. Seems like I recall something about
24. "Judge not that ye be not judged".....Let's go.

25. JIM: Wait a minute, Jerry. Here's a letter for you, Dave....

I want to know of this 000 number and what name it
we often think of as our best for future in
wanting the government to handle themselves and
to handle all kinds of people and machinery.

There's got something there, Dave. But I was thinking
something else too while you were talking... This is
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to help someone tell, listen, water, and all.

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all that work has led to the cooperation of
to know that we are able to see things in order.
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Same like I really something like

to not forget... but a lot

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1. JERRY: Gosh, I'd forgotten all about that. Do you have to give
2. it to him, Jim?
3. JIM: You don't catch me holding up the U. S. Mail, Jerry, no
4. sir. Here you are, Dave.
5. DAVE: H-m-m-m. It's marked confidential. That always gives me
6. the shivers, Jim, when I get a letter like this.
7. Excuse me.....
8. SOUND OF PAPER TEARING.....
9. JERRY: (SOTTO) Jim, I hope the Supervisor didn't jump on Dave
10. about the camp's progress. Good gravy, with all the
11. extra training Dave's had to do I think he's done a swell
12. job keeping things going as well as he has.
13. DAVE: (EXCITED) Jim, you know what's in this letter?....Yeah, I
14. know you do, you old moose....you must have told the
15. Supervisor all about our training program here and now
16. he's writing me there's going to be an increase of ten
17. dollars a month in my salary...He mentions the training
18. part specially....Thanks, Jim. Thanks a lot.
19. JERRY: Jim, doggone it, you knew what was in that letter all
20. along, didn't you? And you let me stew all this time?
21. JIM: (CHUCKLES) I figured it was better to let you find out
22. about things yourself, Jerry.....
23. MUSIC FINALE:
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Now for that special announcement about National Forest Vacations. To aid those who want information about our National Forests in planning motor trips, hunting, fishing, or camping trips, or vacation outings, the United States Forest Service has issued a handy booklet entitled "National Forest Vacations." It gives the location of all National Forests by States, with thumbnail descriptions of their recreation facilities, hunting and fishing possibilities, accommodations, and points of special interest. Farm and Home listeners may get a copy of this illustrated booklet without charge. To get your copy, just drop a post card to the U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C., and ask for "National Forest Vacations.".....I'll repeat that. Write to the U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C., and ask for a copy of "National Forest Vacations."

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